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SUBJ: AMERICAN BASKETBALL COACH

1. MAY 29 OFFICERS OF CLUBE DESPORTIVO DE MALANGALENHA (CDM) CALLED AT CONGEN TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING AMERICAN BASKETBALL COACH WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN COMING TO LOURENCO MARQUES FOR MINIMUM TWO YEARS TO TRAIN CLUB TEAM.

2. BASKETBALL IS EXTREMELY POPULAR IN LOURENCO MARQUES AND CDM IS INTERESTED IN BUILDING POWERFUL BASKETBALL MACHINE FROM SCRATCH. EXMPHASIS OF COACH' S WORK WOULD BE ON TEACHING YOUNGSTERS, MALE AND FEMALE, RUDIMENTS OF GAME AS WELL AS COACHING THE " VARSITY" AND " JUNIOR VARSITY" TEAMS WHICH COMPETE IN CITY- WIDE BASKETBALL LEAGUES.

3. CDM REPRESENTATIVES ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN USG FINANCIAL HELP IN OBTAINING COACH, BUT AFTER OUR PESSIMISTIC REJOINDERS TO THIS GAMBIT CONFINED THEIR REQUEST TO NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SEVERAL POSSIBLE CANDIDATES THEY COULD NEGOTIATE WITH DIRECT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES OF PERSONS OR ASSOCIATIONS WHO MIGHT FIND SOME SUCH ARRANGEMENT APPEALING. WE COULD NOT REALISTICALLY HOLD OUT HOPE FOR LAVISH REMUNERATION, BUT WOULD HOPE TO FIND SOMEONE INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, GETTING AFRICAN EXPERIENCE, ETC. FOR MODEST COMPENSATION PROBABLY PLUS ROOM, BOARD AND TRAVEL EXPENSES. VAN OSS
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